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SUBJECT: DOD STUDY OF MANAGEMENT OF IRAN FMS PROGRAM

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI OF THE FOLLOWING AT LEVEL YOU BELIEVE APPROPRIATE. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DESIGNATED R. KENLY WEBSTER TO UNDERTAKE ON A DOD FUNDED CONTRACT BASIS A STUDY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF DOD RESPONSIBILITIES OF IRANIAN FMS PROGRAM. STUDY IS TO BE COMPLETED BY JULY 15.

2. CONTRACT CALLS FOR STUDY AND ANALYSIS OF FOLLOWING:

A. THE ASSIGNMENTS AND ACTIVITY OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN IRANIAN SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.

B. THE RELATIONSHIP OF THESE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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EMPLOYEES WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN AND WITH U.S.
CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL.

C. THE EFFECT OF COMPLIANCE BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STANDARDS OF CONDUCT, RULES, AND REGULATIONS ON RELATIONSHIPS INVOLVED IN IRAN.

D. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REGULATIONS REGARDING FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TO IRAN.

E. CURRENT INFORMATION ON THE ROLE OF U.S. MILITARY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN, AND U.S. CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL IN REGARD TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1976.

3. MR. WEBSTER SERVED AS ARMY DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL 1968-73; DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AS ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY 1965-68; AND IN PRIVATE PRACTICE 1960-1965 AND 1973 TO PRESENT. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LAW FIRM OF KENNEDY, WEBSTER, AND GARDNER.

4. YOU SHOULD STRESS, IF QUESTION ARISES, THAT STUDY IS NOT PROMPTED BY ANY PARTICULAR EVENT. NEW SECDEF SIMPLY WANTS A FRESH INDEPENDENT STUDY OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR MANAGEMENT OF THE PROGRAM, AND HOW WELL WE MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS. --

5. AFTER RPT AFTER YOU INFORM US THAT THE GOI HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THIS STUDY, DOD WILL RELEASE THE FOLLOWING TO THE PRESS. QUOTE:MR. R. KENLY WEBSTER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF DOD RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH IRAN. MR. WEBSTER WILL REVIEW SIGNIFICANT ASPECTS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DOD PROGRAMS RELATING TO IRAN, INCLUDING CONFIDENTIAL

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DOD ACTIVITIES IN IRAN, AND PROVIDE A REPORT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY IS TO PROVIDE THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITH A CURRENT EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN IRAN FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS RESPONSIBILITIES. MR. WEBSTER IS CONDUCTING THE STUDY UNDER A DOD CONTRACT. END QUOTE.

6. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PREPARED BY DOD WILL FOLLOW LATER. CHRISTOPHER

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